

Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2010
Elementary Restructuring Committee
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Committee Updates:

Education: The committee continues to collect research; the survey yielded 16 responses of 35 – the findings are posted on the wiki – the committee is in the process of pulling out common traits and summarizing conclusions; research supports that the number of transitions for children at risk and/or lower socio-economic status does impact achievement – one school has formed family groups to counter the negative impact of transitions; it is clear that extreme measures would need to be taken to ensure effective communication occurred between the parents and teachers and teacher to teacher; curriculum and assessments must be aligned; efficiency seems to be one of the common factors with respect to grade level teaming; visitations will be scheduled.

Facilities and Logistics: All notes have been posted on the wiki at <http://olean-restructuring-committee.wikispaces.com>.

Finance Committee: Birthrates and enrollment projections have been posted on the wiki. The committee has determined that the district would see a cost savings of approximately \$270,000. The savings would primarily be in personnel. The committee continues to explore transportation needs and costs.

Action Items:

Out of District and Out of Neighborhood Policy: Colleen will review the policy with the Operations Committee of the Board to determine if changes are needed. This comes from conversation regarding enrollment increases at certain schools as well as class size concerns.

The **Education Committee** has agreed to create a survey for staff and organize visitation to other districts.

Facilities/Logistics Committee has agreed to create a survey for the parents.

Both are intended to give us more insight as to the issues associated with restructuring of the schools – both positive and negative. Thanks to both committees for agreeing to develop the surveys!

The next meeting will be held on November 15th at 6:00 in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Middle School. Colleen will bring snacks. :-)